

Paragraph A Week (PAW) Parent Information Letter

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

For Language Arts, starting this week, each student will have a homework assignment, given on Monday and due on Friday. The assignment will be described in detail on a paper that your child will bring home at the beginning of each week. It usually will be a composition paper covering various topics.

The first assignment, due _____, is attached to this sheet.

Would you please sign below and have your child return this sheet.

Thank you!

These are the qualities each paper will be graded for:

1. Heading --- Name, Date, Topic
2. Five elements of good writing: PURPOSE, DIRECTION, IDEAS, STYLE, PRESENTATION
3. Topic sentence and Concluding sentence
4. Supporting sentences / details (at least 3)
5. Indent paragraph
6. Neatness
7. Spelling
8. Capitalization
9. Grammar / Usage
10. Picture relating to the topic
11. Sentence variety (structure, length, type of sentence)
12. Transitions between ideas
13. Compositional risks (simile, metaphor, dialogue, etc.)

Total Possible Points = 50 (A sample grading rubric is also attached for you to look over)

Students are expected to work through the writing process listed below.

- Pre-writing - brainstorming (Can be done on the back of the assignment sheet or a separate sheet)
- Rough draft (After editing and revising, **a parent signature is required on the rough draft**)
- Final Copy (Every final copy should be neatly written in **PEN** or typed.)

* Please sign and return this portion of the letter with your child.

I have read and understand the responsibility my child, _____,
has in completing his/her Language Arts Paragraph A Week (PAW) assignments.

(Parent / Guardian's Signature)

(Date)